



Proclamation

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most tragic events a family and community can experience, and among the top nine leading causes of death for people ages 10-64 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i there were 979 documented suicide deaths among state residents between 2017 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai'i more than 80% of those who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition and only 34% of these victims were receiving treatment at the time of their death; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidal behavior can be eliminated through public awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force includes a partnership of government agencies, private companies, non-profit organizations, community groups and individuals working collaboratively to provide leadership, develop strategies, coordinate activities, and monitor progress of suicide prevention efforts in our community; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's multi-pronged suicide prevention strategy includes educating the public about resources for individuals at risk; training professionals and community members on how to identify, support and refer individuals at risk; and implementing policies that institutionalize suicide prevention training in clinical and school settings; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is working to expand hope, help and healing across the State to protect our 'ohana;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to help raise awareness of local and national mental health and suicide prevention resources available to our communities and encourage all those in need to seek the care and treatment necessary for a long and healthy life.

Done at State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of August 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i